

Plate 76.—Classification: SYSTEM Palustrine, CLASS Scrub-Shrub Wetland, SUBCLASS Broad-leaved Deciduous, DOMINANCE TYPE Alnus tenuifolia, WATER REGIME Temporarily Flooded, WATER CHEMISTRY Fresh, SOIL Mineral. Subordinate plants include feltleaf willow (Salix alaxensis) and balsam poplar (Populus balsamifera). Shrubs are nearly 6 m (20 ft) tall, the height that separates Scrub-Shrub from Forested Wetland. This site is flooded only for brief periods after snowmelt and during times of most rapid melting of nearby glaciers. (Tanana River, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Alaska; July 1985; Photo by F. C. Golet)